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Liane:

Hoping we can collaboratively develop a plan for addressing data from private drinking water wells. As you know, upon the request from homeowners who live near the Animas, EPA is sampling private drinking water wells. If detected constituents are found to be within Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), we will be gladly reporting those data to the homeowner. If we find any exceedances, we will also inform the homeowner of the data. If our examination of their well log data and hydrogeologic information imply that the contamination may be associated with the Gold King mine event, it would be likely that the contamination would be short-lived in the well. If, however, those same data imply that their well contamination is not due to the Gold King mine – then what? Does the County have any thoughts on that potential outcome?

I would like to hear your thoughts and plans on that issue. Also it may be helpful for us to collectively develop messages that can be communicated to homeowners regarding their well data. I have cc'd Wendy O'Brien. She is one of my senior toxicologists who is working on this response from our Denver office and has been reviewing the well data, as well as the other environmental data, from this response. I would like for her to participate in our conversation.

Feel free to email me or give me a call on my cell 303-579-4371. Although I have returned to Denver, I am still actively participating in the event response.

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